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Jersey City to Bring Carnival Spirit with the Annual West Indian Caribbean American Parade

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerrmiah T. Healy, the Jersey City Municipal Council, and the Dept. of Health & Human Services/Division of Cultural Affairs, in conjunction with the Jersey City West Indian Caribbean American Carnival Association, will host the annual **West Indian Caribbean American Parade**, which will kick off at **12 Noon** from **Lincoln Park** and will wind its way along Kennedy Blvd. and Montgomery Street to the City Hall reviewing stand on **Saturday, July 25th**.

“The vibrant colors and the lively sounds of steel drums of the many Caribbean cultures proudly reflect the rich diversity of our city,” said **Mayor Healy**. “You’ll find, among other things, dazzling costumes, hundreds of parade-goers, and rhythmic music, which truly make this a spectacular event.”

This year, organizers are determined to make this one of the biggest and best parades ever. “Cultural events, such as the Jersey City carnival, help to keep our city on the map, while at the same time creating a kind of cross-cultural unity that makes us unique,” said Cheryl DB Murphy, president/founder of the parade organizing committee.

The 2009 Grand Marshals of this year’s Parade are a veritable potpourri of community luminaries from the Caribbean region. They include: Barbados: Hon. Consul General Lennox Price; City of Jersey City: Jerry Walker; Cuba: Olua Armando Lopez, Sr.; Dominica: King Tappa; Dominican Republic: Luis Del Castillo; Guyana: Charles Degroot & King Raj; Grenada: Iya Sabrina Purham; Haiti: Elda Pinchinat; Hudson County: Dr. Elnardo Webster; International: Vincent Huggins; Jamaica: Trevor Vaughn & Kacy Rankine; Panama: Minerva O. Salles; Puerto Rico: Sheriff Juan Perez & Councilwoman Nidia Lopez; Trinidad & Tobago: DJ Breeze & Iwer George. Each Grand Marshal proudly represents his or her native island by carrying their country’s national colors.

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This year, the **Jersey City West Indian Caribbean American Carnival Association** will honor the Military for their service with the theme "Military Ashore: Now and Then".

Participating in the parade are T&M Productions, Team Ambassadors, GuyaTrin Tassa Group of New Jersey, DJ Groove/Vee & Zone Radio 107.9, Crew-Caribbean Sunshine Band, Brooklyn Jumbies, Stilt Walkers, Power Sound Island Riddimz Dominican Crew, Outlaw International & T.I.B.A.R., Spice Construction, Gateway Restaurant, WBLS 107.5, Fire Crew & Black Trini Jersey, Jersey City Haitian Assoc., U.S. Census 2010, Guinness Import Company, Second Generation Band, Sweet Sounds of Sala, Free Teens, Team Walker Drill Team, Marion Garden SoulSteppers, NAACP, Road Block Radio.com, NJ Seeds and Dominican Republic Flag Party, to name only a few.

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